making/amending laws to provide for intellectual property protection in areas such as patents, copy rights, industrial designs, layout design of integrated circuits, trade marks, sui generis plant variety protection and protection of trade secrets.

(b) All necessary steps have been/are being taken by the Government to meet these obligation within the stipulated time period.

**Modifications in Patents (Amendment) Bill**

*12. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Law Commission has suggested extensive modifications to the Patents (Amendment) Bill, 1998 which was passed by the Rajya Sabha but lapsed due to the dissolution of the 12th Lok Sabha, since replaced by an Ordinance, for incorporation in the new legislation on the subject;

(b) if so, the details of the modifications suggested and whether Government would include these modifications while passing the amending Bill in Parliament; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (c) The Patents (Amendment) ordinance, 1999 issued on 8 January, 1999 has since been replaced by the Patents (Amendment) Act, 1999 after its passage by Lok Sabha and assent by the President on 26 March, 1999. The suggestions of the Law Commission, as relevant to the legislation, were considered.

**Provision of Funds for Development of towns under Bhopal Division**

†*13. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of towns of Bhopal Division of Madhya Pradesh to which funds have been provided by the Central Government under the various schemes of urban development and year-wise funds provided to each town during the last five years; and

(b) the names of towns of Bhopal Division for which proposals for

† Original notice of the Questions was received in Hindi.

providing funds are under consideration of Government and by when the proposals are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) (i) Under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) Scheme in Bhopal Division, 11 towns have been covered and Central assistance amounting to Rs. 459.89 lakhs have been released. Details of the same are indicated at Statement-I *(See* below) Yearwise released for last five years as also the current year is given in Statement-II *(See* below).

(ii) Under Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) seven towns of Bhopal Division have been approved. Details of the same are available at Statement-Ill *(See* below)

(iii) Under National slum Development Programme (NSDP), fifteen towns in Bhopal Division were provided funds, details of which are placed at Statement-IV *(See* below)

(b) (i) The following proposals were received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh seeking external assistance:

— Madhya Pradesh Rajbhogi Urban Infrastructure project

— New Township Development Project for Bhopal and Indore

No time frame can be laid down for approval since funds are proposed to be sought from external funding agencies.

(ii) Under AUWSP projects for seven towns of Bhopal Division have been submitted for technical approval. Since the State Government has been requested to revise and update the. projects, not time frame can be given for approval. Details are at Statement-V *(See* below)

**Statement-I**

*IDSMT Schemes: Towns of Madhya Pradesh*

(Rupees in lakhs)

| SL No. | Name of town | Districts | Central Assistance released. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | Betul | Betul | 46.00 |
| 2. | Obeduilaganj | Raisen | 25.00 |
| 3. | Sehors | Sehore | 27.50 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4. | Vidisha | Vidisha | 45.04 |
| 5. | Muitai | Betul | 32.35 |
| 6. | Rajgarh | Rajgarh | 47.00 |
| 7. | Biaora | Rajgarh | 60.00 |
| 8. | Berasia | Bhopal | 32.00 |
| 9. | Narsingarh | Rajgarh | 27.00 |
| 10. | Ganjbasoda | Vidisha | 88.00 |
| 11. | Astha | Sehore. | 30.00 |
| | TOTAL | | 459.89 |

**Statement II**

*Central Assistance Released during Last Five Years and the Current year under IDSMT to the Towns falling under Bhopal division of Madhya Pradesh*

(Rupees in lakhs)

| SL No. | Towns | 94-95 | 95-96 | 96-97 | 97-98 | 98-99 | 99-2000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Betul | | 20.00 | - | 11.00 | - | - |
| 2. | Obedullaganj , | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3. | Sehore | 15.00 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4. | Vidisha | - | - | - | 35.04 | - | - |
| 5. | Multai | - | . - | - | - | - | 21.35 |
| 6. | Rajgarh ' | - | 16.00 | - | - | 31.00 | - |
| 7. | Biaora | - | 30.00 | - | - | - | 30.00 |
| 8. | Berasia | - | 16.00 | - | - | - | 16.00 |
| 9. | Narsingarh | - | 27.00 | - | - | - | - |
| 10. | Ganjbasoda | - | 30.00 | - | - | 58.00 | - |
| 11. | Ashta | - | - | - | - | 30.00 | - |
| | Total | 15.00 | 139.00 | - | 46.04 | 119.00 | 67.35 |

**Statement-Ill**

*Details of AVWSP—Bhopal Division*

(Rs. in Lakhs)

| SL No. | Name of town | District | Approved cost |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Sultanpur | Raisen | 45.00 |
| 2. | Udaipura | Raisen | 54.00 |
| 3. | Budhani | Sehore | 46.00 |
| 4. | lateri | Vidisha | 65.00 |
| 5. | Pachhore | Rajgarh | 211.00 |
| 6. | Bhainsdehi | Betul | 195.80 |
| 7. | Suthalia | Rajgarh | 85.53 |

**Statement-IV**

*Allocation by the State Government under NSDP*

(Rs. in Lakhs)

| SL No. | District | Name of the town | Yearwise Allocation | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 97-98 | 98-99 | 99-2000 |
| 1. | Bhopal | 1. Bhopal | 185.18 | 103.45 | 74.78 |
| 2. | Betul | 1. Betul | 11.06 | 11.44 | 4.48 |
| | | 2. Amla | 4.55 | 5.09 | 1.98 |
| | | 3. Sarni | 14.67 | 15.20 | 0.00 |
| 3. | Rajgarh | 1. Barobra | 4.95 | 5.12 | 1.99 |
| | | 2. Narsinghgarh | 3,86 | 3.99 | 1.55 |
| | | 3.Sarangarh | 4.24 | 4.36 | 1.71 |
| 4. | Vidisha | 1. Vidisha | 16.19 | 16.70 | 6.53 |
| | | 2. Ganj Basoda | 8.15 | 8.41 | 3.29 |
| | | 3. Sironj | 5.94 | 6.13 | 2.39 |
| 5. | Raisen | 1. Raisen | 4.21 | 4.35 | 1.70 |
| | | 2. Begumganj | 4.15 | 4.29 | 1.68 |
| | . | 3. Mandideep | 3.91 | 3.95 | 1.54 |
| 6. | Sehore | 1. Sehore | 12.45 | 12.93 | 5.06 |
| | | 2. Astha . | 4.82 | 6.02 | 2.35 |

**Statement-V**

*Details of AUSWP Bhopal Division for Technical Approval*

(Rs. in lakhs)

| SI. No. | Name of town | District | Approved cost |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Khujner | Rajgarh | 279.00 |
| 2. | Talen | " | 88.00 |
| 3. | Boda | " | 56.00 |
| 4. | Sanggarh | " | 34.60 |
| 5. | Gharghora | | 36.00 |
| 6. | Rehti | Sehore | 45.50 |
| 7. | Nasrullaganj | " | 67.20 |

**Quantitative import restrictions**

*14. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have drawn up a detailed blue print for phasing out quantitative import restrictions;

(h) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have worked out a concrete plan to safeguard the interests of Indian industry as a result of dismantling of quantitative import restriction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) India had notified a total No. of 2714 tariff lines to WTO on quantitative Restrictions which were being maintained under Article 18B of General agreement of Tariff and Trade. India had also notified in 1997 a phase out plan spread over six years commencing from 1.4.97 to 31.3.2003 for removal of these restrictions. Consequently, Quantitative Restrictions have to be removed on 1137 items by 31.3.2000, 1145 items by 31.3.2002 and the remaining 432 items by 31.3.2003.

Removal of quantitative restrictions is a part of the process which began in early 90's when the new economic priorities included measures to increase